

# The Astronaut

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When I was a child and people asked me

“When you grow up, what do you want to be?”

I always told them, without any thought

“I’m going to be an astronaut.

I don’t want to be an actor, a police officer, a teacher,  
a shop assistant, a nurse, a firefighter or a cleaner

I don’t want to work in an office

I don’t want to work on a ship.

I don’t want to work in a factory,

A hospital or a shop.”

I never became an astronaut, travelling into space

I’m working as an accountant, adding up numbers all day

But when I get back home, I travel up to the stars

Looking through my telescope at the moon, Venus and Mars

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## Ideas for discussion

- **What is the meaning of the following vocabulary/phrases?**

Grow up

Without any thought

Telescope

- **Can you list all the different jobs/careers mentioned in the poem?**
- **Can you describe each of those jobs**
- **What sort of work could you do in an office/ship/factory/hospital/shop?**
- **What qualifications do you think you would need to do these jobs?**
- **When you were a child, what did you want to be? (teacher/actor etc)**
- **What job would you like to do now?**